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# Jaysee Jamboree Today; Let's Go!

## "COME TO LIFE" URGES STUDENT BODY PREXY TED SPAULDING

### To the Student Body:

Study, students, study, or next June you will find yourselves as we all found ourselves last week—behind a very large, black eight ball.

Now that the first semester is over and we have all found out the good or bad news as the case may be, we can look forward to the coming semester with renewed hope and a lot of good resolutions.

To the new students who are beginning their first semester here I would like to extend the welcome of the entire student body and a bit of the same advice given above. We want all of you to feel at home at once and consequently get as much pleasure and profit from your time spent here as it is possible for you to get.

With the worry and the work of finals out of the way we can again spend part of our time thinking of more pleasant pastimes. Our social calendar, which was practically non-existent during the month of January, will be brought back to life, the first event thereon being an assembly at 1:30 this afternoon. This assembly will be twofold in purpose and will be well worth your attendance, I am sure.

The entertainment of the day will be in the hands of that master showman, Dick Hambey, who has a very good show prepared. The other purpose of the assembly will be the awarding of athletic awards and student body awards for the past semester. Let's have a 100 per cent turnout.

This afternoon a dance will be held in the cafeteria to provide entertainment for those of you who are staying for the game between Menlo and Salinas tonight; and, of course, the dance is open to all other students as well. If this sort of thing appeals to you, let's have a good attendance. There will be no charge, but unless we have a turnout it will be discontinued. Let's all get behind our vari-



President Ted Spaulding

ous activities and make all of them go over with a bang, for remember this, no event, no matter how well it's planned, can be much of a success unless the ultimate goal, a good attendance on the part of the entire student body, is reached. Remember the time and place of the beginning of what should be a good time for all of us. The men's gym is the place, seventh period (1:30) the time; the event is the Welcoming Assembly.

**TED SPAULDING,**  
Student Body President.

## LANCERS TO MEET

Attention, Lancers! An important meeting is scheduled for this afternoon, ninth period. A notice is on the bulletin board stating the room to be used. President Marlen Dimick announces that plans for the coming semester will be discussed and urges all Lancers to attend.

## REGISTRATION

Six hundred and one, six hundred and two, six hundred and three—such are the words that ring in Mr. Peavy's ears as he totals the Junior College registration to date. But no matter how weary the registrar becomes, he is happy to state that every student who registered on Monday afternoon broke the record of all previous total registrations. At the end of last semester, the number of students registered was 778, and by the end of last Monday, 85 new students had registered. So far, 539 old students have returned to Salinas along with seventeen special students and nine students who are doing work in spite of physical handicaps.

This figure is not complete, as the long line in front of the registration booth attests, and the grand total will be around 856 students, or more. Salinas Junior College has come a long way since the day in 1924 when it first came into being with a total registration of five students.

## GRADERS RAID COFFEE SHOP ICE BOX

An informal midnight supper was held last Friday night for the first time since the installation of the coffee shop. Attending the ice-box raid were Mr. Werner, Mr. Peavy and Mr. Bengston, who felt that after the strenuous work of getting the grades into the mail a little nourishment and relaxation seemed only proper. Owing to their efforts, all grades, except those few still in question, were sent out within 12 hours after the last final examination was completed.

### Pass Key Used

When questioned as to the methods involved in the raid, Mr. Werner said, "Having been a commissary officer in the army comes in handy at times, and of course, a pass key helps."

## HOLIDAY DECLARED THIS AFTERNOON; DANCE AND GAME FOLLOW JAMBOREE

A galaxy of stars! It's the school's super-colossal, super-gigantic show of stupendous talent. Dick Hambey, Salinas Jaysee's genial jester, will be master of ceremonies, and Jack Nelson, the Twentieth Century Gabriel, will play music for jitterbugs, songsters, and all the jivery top tappers. Ernestine Morehead, idol of the air waves, will provide the musical-voice sequence, and the Jaysee's glamorous, light-toed Miss Virginia Kirby, will rap-tap on wood at a terrific pace.

### Ex-Gridders Star

But that's not all! The Deep Dramatic Stock Company will present the desert scene from Beau Geste, or the Last Rehearsal, featuring Modest Manny Chappell as the general, Wee Bonnie Brown as the (hiss, hiss) spy; the Jaysees' own pride and joy, Mass of Muscle Barkle, as the director; Patricia Nodilo, alias Tony Spigone, as the ash man; Rosie Trotter, who plays the part of the dopey orderly; Daisy Branson, alias Pietro the Wop; the friend of the ash man, Orin Ford as Ole Oleson, the carpenter, and Rico (Mile a Minute) Crosetti as the carpenter's helper. Then there's guys, groans and gags that will gag you, by the basketeers.

**Classes Dismissed**  
Students, lend an ear! The administration (teachers to you) has declared a holiday starting at 1:30 o'clock. It's a picnic for the newcomers, so let's celebrate whilst we can. Following the jamboree will be a big dance till game time. And here is more good news if you can still take it—this entertainment is something you can't afford to miss and is at a price you can afford to pay... it's free!

**Flash!**  
Here's a last minute flash: Expected crowds are so large the jamboree has been moved from the Little Theatre to the boys' gym, so we'll see you around 1:30, next to the big post, right in the middle of things!

## U. G. C. LEAP YEAR HOP TOMORROW

Tomorrow night marks another of the very infrequent breaks for the boys. The event is the annual Upsilon Gamma Chi Backward Dance.

Time: 9 to 12.

Place: S. J. C. gymnasium.

Music: Jack Nelson's orchestra.

Price: 35 and 50 cents.

Ann Matiasewitch, president of the club, states that in addition to very clever, surprising decoration and unique lighting effects, a very entertaining program is scheduled. Ernestine Morehead will render several solos, and a portion of the program will be occupied by a specialty "Valentine" dance. The winning couple of this latter event will be awarded a worthwhile prize.

## "IN A CLASS BY HIMSELF"

Meet Salinas Junior College's super-student. Taking a full course in the science curriculum, besides working on many other school activities, DICK CARLISLE has a straight A average for the first semester of this year.

## EXAMINATIONS TO BE GIVEN SOON

In New London, Connecticut, is located the United States Coast Guard Academy, an excellent school where cadets may obtain an education and prepare for a thrilling career.

Engineering and science form the basis of instruction at the academy, and therefore the mental requirements are similar to those necessary for admission to colleges of engineering. An opportunity to apply theories and gain experience comes with the annual cruises aboard modern cutters to South American or European ports. Cadets receive \$780 a year and an allowance while undergoing instruction, and after graduation they are eligible for a commission as ensign in the Coast Guard.

On May 15, 1940, an examination for appointment, open to young men from 17 to 22, will be given in various convenient cities. For further information and illustrated pamphlets, address the Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

## Friml Opera "Firefly" to Be Presented Feb. 16-17

History will be made February 16 and 17 when the gala production of Rudolph Friml's light opera comedy, "The Firefly," is presented to the public. The largest attendance to honor a junior college presentation is expected when the curtain goes up on this duo-performance musical triumph. Students taking part in "The Firefly" are well-known for their musical and dramatic talent and promise to far surpass any past performances when they appear at the Salinas high school auditorium next week.

"The Firefly" is one of the best-known and most popular light operas that have been composed and presented in our times. Since 1912, when it was first presented to the general public, it has continued to hold the interest and liking of music-loving audiences all over the world. Songs from this opera are sung on musical programs and over the radio every day

and have become beloved favorites of listeners everywhere. Some of the best of these are "Sympathy," "Giannina Mia," "Love Is Like a Firefly," and "When a Maid Comes Knocking At Your Heart."

Nina, a New York street singer, is the main character of the opera. The plot is based on her adventures in Bermuda after masquerading as a boy in order to go on a vacation trip with a party of wealthy socialites. The complications caused by this deception are continued throughout the movement of the opera until Nina's ruse is discovered. Mistaken identity of the characters in the east is the comedy note, although it is taken very seriously by the characters themselves.

A New York yacht harbor is the setting of the first act, and the second and third acts have the romantic background of Bermuda as their setting.

Muriel Smith, the songbird of

Salinas Junior College, is the girl chosen from a large competitive field to take the principal feminine lead in the opera as Nina. Serious at times, but usually seen with a mischievous gleam in her large, friendly eyes, pert and talented Muriel has taken part in many programs during her school career in Salinas.

With invaluable stage experience gained through participation in several high school productions, one of Hollister's contributions to "The Firefly" comes to you in the person of blonde Vernal Gilbert. Vernal, the possessor of a smooth, tenor voice, carries the part of Jack Travers with much distinction and poise.

Widespread as is the fame of Hollywood's Dorothy Lamour, will be the fame some day of our contribution to radio and screenland. Possessing all the qualities that go toward the making of a future dramatic and singing star, dynamic Ernestine

Morehead, of the dark hair and flashing eyes, will be seen in the role of Geraldine Van Dare, a young and temperamental girl. Michael Mapa, who has appeared in many productions in Salinas, Santa Barbara and Hollister, plays the part of John Thurston in "The Firefly." Thurston is a man who is "quite the thing" with the feminine sex, and as the story unravels, he is revealed to be "not exactly slow."

With these outstanding students carrying the leading roles, and with the assistance of a talented chorus singing and dancing in gay style to the music of our excellent S. J. C. orchestra, "The Firefly," as directed by Miss Gertrude Lowe, aided by Miss Faith Fraser and Mr. Lorell McCann, will undoubtedly be the most amusing and entertaining production ever given by the Salinas Junior College.



# Battery Editorials

## STUDY, STUDY!

School spirit? What's that --- something that you left home in the top dresser drawer? Or do you carry it around with you, offering to let other Jayseers get the benefit of it, as too few of us do? In short, where is your school spirit?

With approximately 100 new students attending Jaysee, there should be some part of the student body that has a bit of the old get-up-and-go-to-it --- but where is it?

This afternoon in the gym the Jaysee Jamboree offers a good chance to haul out that wim, vigor and vitality and make a little bit more noise in the yelling and singing than the guy sitting next to you.

Confucius said, "Silence is golden," but, we're off the gold standard now. So let's see how much noise we can make this afternoon in viewing the seventeen superb acts of the Jaysee Jamboree!

Come on, you old Salinasites, and show the new students how much school spirit we really have --- and you, too, newcomers, show us how much you like us and our school by raising the roof at the rally today!

## ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Lincoln represented the highest type of American. His face wasn't considered handsome but his character was sterling and his ideals lofty. He worked hard as a youth to secure an education. He became President of the United States despite a humble birth, poverty, lack of schooling, ridicule, scorn, criticism, tragedy, and strong political opposition. He was neither a smooth politician nor a silver-tongued orator, but a man of the people; a man with a deep love for humanity. To Americans, he has become a special symbol, a pattern for the President of a democracy.

## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Both Chaucer and Shakespeare refer to the observance of the festival, on the day in early spring when birds first choose their mates. The custom long prevailed on that day of drawing lots to decide which young men and young women should be each other's "valentine" during the ensuing year. The couples thus drawn exchanged gifts, and in some cases might even be regarded as betrothed.

Later, the custom of making presents on St. Valentine's Day was confined to the men. It has fallen into disuse in Great Britain, but the sending of sentimental valentines and gifts of flowers and candy, on February 14, is still common in America.

## LATE FLASH!

Shortly after the Battery was "put to bed" last Wednesday afternoon, Phyllis Gwynn, five-star reporter and chief rechargess of the Jaysee dynamo-of-the-press, made a gallant attempt to crash national headlines by first breaking into those of her own sheet.

In a more serious vein. While clamoring down from the basketball bleachers she slipped, fell and broke a leg. Taking it like a trooper and true member of the press, she voiced no complaints or entreaties for aid.

There is to be no disruption of her journalistic contributions, although she is confined to a bed in the Salinas Valley Hospital. This is indeed fortunate for the Battery, since publishing an issue next Friday would really be doubtful.

Best wishes, Phyllis!

## THE BATTERY

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## DEPARTMENTS

### ART

Selected from work handed in by students of the composition class of the Jaysee Art Department last semester, an exhibit of oil paintings will be open to the public and students for a period of two weeks ending February 23.

Having work on exhibit are Gus Whitaker, Jane Dubendorf, Ida Rae Graham, Rita del Piero, Gene Cava, Jayne Miyaki, Michi Hayashi, and Eva Mixson.

The Little Art Gallery will be open every day from 9 to 4 o'clock for exhibition.

### HOME ECONOMICS

#### Foods

Beverly Forden and Joan Foster prepared supper for 17 Boy Scout executives last Friday evening in the home economics department. Mr. Forden was the guest of honor of the group.

#### Clothing

More space, more light, more closets, more of everything is what the girls in the clothing groups are experiencing with their new sewing room.

"The Mystery Closet" is one of the class' delights. It is now planned to be used as a fitting room when completed, but as yet, some of the other Jaysee students are puzzled as to the winding staircase that has been erected in one corner of the room. Apparently, there is no other outlet than the roof. The question that is constantly being repeated is "Where does it go?" (Rumors have it that eventually Mr. Lemos' astronomy class will take the room over. Also, it is rumored, that when warmer weather sets in, the roof of the fitting room will be cut in a circular opening for an astronomical garden of some sort to enable students to gaze at the heavenly bodies which they so industriously study, never being able to actually see and talk about them during class time.)

### Family Relations

P. Q.'s (Personality Quotients) will be taken during the first few meetings of the class of family relations. Assembling in the living room, the class will sit about on the comfortable furniture—also on the floor, as there is a large class—and discuss various home problems.

Surprisingly large is the number of girls taking this course who have recently been admitted to the ranks of the diamond-bearers.

### Home Furnishing

Last semester the external plans of homes were studied by this group of girls, and now they have turned their interests to the line proportions of rooms, furniture, and general planning of interior decoration.

Among the members of the class is a new bride from San Francisco, who is now making her home in Salinas. In this class, too, there is a sparkling interest, caused by the ring-bearing of about half of the class.

### MUSIC

Concerts aplenty are what the Jaysee band is being busied with now. One is scheduled for February 23 at the King City high school, and more important, the annual concert to be held in the local high school auditorium on March 7.

Mr. McCann, maestro, announces that more members are wanted in the band. There is room for several clarinet players, and especially needed are saxophonists. As an inducement, school instruments are available for student usage: a baritone and a tenor sax, two alto saxes, one horn, one bass, and DRUMS.

Drummers are wanted badly, as without them, the band is to be left high and flat.

John Burchett, Art Kerner, Don Stewart, John Shepherd, and Don Nerell—the Trombone Quintet, to be more explicit—have had concerts on their hands too. Duran Hernandez appears with the quintet at each performance as clarinet soloist.

The quintet received an enthusiastic student body appraisal when it played for Santa Cruz high school students January 18. Three of the quintet are from that locality, making the atmosphere one of "The Local Boys Make Good."

Reports have been coming in to Mr. McCann to the account of the quintet's full concert appearance as guests of the Salinas Rotary Club at the Jeffery Hotel, January 23.

February 9 is the date set for an appearance before members of the local Kiwanis Club.

Musical selections by the quintet range from the usual light-comedy novelties to the different deep classics. Usually considered as the "clowning" part of the band, trombones have come into recognition in the form of being able to really adapt their styles to fit those of the classics.

An additional reminder to band-minded students: Instruments are available for some phases of musicians, and positions open for all who wish to try out for them.

And as long as we are reminding people, have you remembered to get your tickets for the operetta? They're going fast, and the production is to be a super-super one.

## SHERMAN

### New Commerce Head

Meet S. J. C.'s newest teacher—Mr. Marsdon Sherman, who handles several divisions of the commerce department. He is the tallest teacher in the college, being one inch better than Mr. Gardner's six-foot two and a quarter, and quoting Mr. Eris, "he will be one of the best liked teachers in school." Mr. Eris is in a position to know, because, as he puts it, Mr. Sherman "has followed me around for years."

First, it was in the San Rafael Military Academy, where Mr. Eris was teaching that Mr. Sherman entered as a student. Again it happened at Marin JC where each was equally amazed to find the other a few years later.

"Then," says Mr. Eris, "just when I thought I was rid of him, he shows up here as a fellow teacher!" You'll think that this is stretching the long arm of coincidence almost out of its socket, but it's actually true.

Filling in the details, we find that Mr. Sherman was born in San Francisco. He entered military school and finished his sixth grade there, then enrolled in a public high school, graduated, and went immediately on a European trip. Back in the U. S. A. again, he entered Marin J. C. just in time to renew his acquaintance with Mr. Eris before transferring to Stanford University. (And if he didn't say much about his scholastic and social activities at Marin and San Rafael, Mr. Eris did. According to the latter, he was outstanding in both).

At Stanford, drum majoring took up an important part of his time. Plenty of practice in this at former schools had made him already proficient in it, and he was later to use his talents as drum major of the American Legion and the Native Sons organization of Sausalito. But this is getting ahead of the story.

After Stanford, Mr. Sherman was employed by a leading pe-

## EASELING



Winning acclaim in San Francisco and local papers for his exhibits, Mr. Leon Amyx, Salinas Junior College art instructor, has recently been accorded top honors in the field of art.

Now exhibiting 12 water colors at the Vera Bright art gallery in San Francisco, Mr. Amyx has also had one of his summer works selected for exhibition by the San Francisco Art Association at the San Francisco Museum of Art from February 7 to March 3. This is a top honor awarded only to those whose work is of outstanding character.

With his name listed since 1935 in the "Who's Who In American Painting," Mr. Amyx has had his works shown in art galleries in Santa Rosa, Sacramento, Oakland, San Francisco, and Salinas.

Of the 12 water colors exhibited, several are of Salinas Valley rural scenes. One is entitled "A Country Road" and depicts the river road in the Buena Vista district; done on a farm on the old San Juan road, another is entitled "A Study of a Sycamore Tree." A third portrays "Four Mail Boxes" along a road in the Graves district.

Mr. Amyx thinks that Salinas is a better location for an artist than Carmel, being more in the center of artistic sites for paintings. In the Salinas Valley area, Mr. Amyx says that one finds flat rural scenes, varied mountain settings and ideal marine and wooded settings.

Bob Stuck: "Hear the new one on the Scotchman?"

Lee Macaulay: "No."

Bob Stuck: "He gave a tip to a waiter, but the horse lost."

troleum corporation. Then he turned to a new field—politics. He ran for the county clerk's office, and then it happened—he was made Marin county's chief deputy sheriff!

After he had held this office for some time, he returned to Stanford to his studies and to more drum majoring. He graduated from this institution and then won a teaching position at Sequoia High in Redwood City. Salinas was a short jump from Redwood City, and so, here he is.

With such an active existence, you wonder what he does for relaxation. The answer is, mostly, baseball. He enjoys the game and plays softball himself. He is a past president of the 20-30 Club, married, and has two children, a boy and a girl.

These are the facts in brief, a sort of short introduction... Students, meet Mr. Sherman!

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# FEATURES

## CLOTHESLINE

"Gone With the Wind" was a fine book and a wonderful picture. We were captivated by the acting of Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable in the roles of Scarlett and Rhett. The costumes by Walter Plunkett were a dream. Every woman who gazes at such belles of a glamorous day cannot help but dream of capturing some of that glamour. Wise stylists have gone full-skirted in a big way. The tops of the gowns are less suggestive of the southern influence. Instead, the designers have struck a modern note on "separates" — taffeta skirts in blended pink and blue with a shirred pink chiffon blouse; an enormously full white sharkskin skirt with red girdle and striped jersey blouse; a full monotone taffeta skirt with long sleeved jersey blouse. The fabrics are exciting. Silk jersey and taffeta are the favorites of the silks.

Young formalists use the exciting range of cottons which include quaint chintzes and the striped crash linen textures. Low-necked dresses usually have a little jacket with a highly-individual design. In some styles the jackets can be used to go with sports frocks and play togs.

Small waistlines were a vogue in the time of Scarlett, contrasting with full skirts, so these gowns are designed with corset inset and smooth waist sections accentuated further by the full bust line.

A fragile gown of frothy tulle or net is doing alright. Such an appealing fashion. They make these tulle or net or any sheer frock with a full-flared taffeta slip.

New lipstick in shades to match nail polish is being made by several of the better known manufacturers of cosmetics. The shades of plum and bush rose are becoming more popular than stop red and the brighter shades have been. Blush rose in rouge is the most popular shade for neutral complexions.

As for the hair styles to go with these new modes, we find that the upswept in front and clasped low in back with loose curls on the base of the neck and shoulders is the most accepted coiffure. More and more girls are copying the styles their mothers and grandmothers made popular in the '90's. Soft and full in front and gathered at the nape of the neck in a soft roll or pug, creates a sweet and simple appearance.

## Eye Spy

By TWO SMART GIRLS

The new semester has begun and with its arrival the "seeing eye" again has peeped into the private lives of S. J. C. "studies" on and off the campus.

During their days of freedom from exams, Barbara Hawkins and Ruthe Osborn vacationed in San Francisco. Oz is pretty much excited over dating her ex-beau, and it seems he'll be a 'visitin' these parts soon. What's that about "trading at home"?

S. J. C. studies are becoming more and more classical-minded — even little Mary Jane Farrell attended the Ballet Russe in San Jose. Jitterbugs, take note.

'Tis a funny world . . . On Again Off Again Branson and Helen are twosomeing it again. One of these days he's gonna get all mixed up with his stories and then what'll he do—my, my!

A new addition to our happy home is Frances Crosetti, Watsonville cutie; by the way, did our infallible eye deceive us or have you been dating Manny Chappell? This is too much for us, even — Oh Heavens!

Is this nice? Talking your steady fellow into taking his "one and only" to the ice hockey games in San Francisco Sunday P. M., and then upon arrival discovering the games were the night before. After all, Jean Torres, you needn't deceive the poor boy like that . . . ha, ha!

One of these days the F. B. I. is gonna catch up with the three culprits that hock our mail and make us pay for it on delivery. No names will be mentioned, but Mary Jane Farrell, Bette Casey and Virginia Kirby, the ring leader, had better pull up their socks and be big girls or mama'll spank!

The smile on Bullie Leonard's face is either a smile looking for a tooth past ad sponsor, or because Shirley Collier, his gal, has enrolled in S. J. C.

Can you imagine getting poison oak while hunting mushrooms? We can't, but Jean Tuttle can and has. We're sorry, honest!

After being haunted for weeks, you-studies, or one of you, will be repaid, for the Delta Tau raffle is drawing near. Just think, five bucks — you could pay a lab fee or for a trigonometry book with that. (Distasteful thoughts, ain't they?)

A little lass of S. J. C. and Salinas has a big brother — wow! What a brother, say the other wee lassies in the prayers; also, oh, Ann, how could you hide him so long?

Meandering around — Former grid stars Don "Butch" Butcher and Jack Rittenhouse doing Rio Del Mar Saturday night.

Robert Rettig, a newcomer to our portals of learning, and Virginia "Glamour Gail" Kirby giving "Cap" a break and dancing to the strains of Stewart Maus' orchestra.

Rico "Flash" Crosetti back into the fold. Guess he couldn't resist track season, huh?

Coach "Bud" and the Mrs. at Deer Park looking none too surprised when a pupil of his and a football player made an entrance.

Coach "Bud" at the track rally saying, repeatedly, "Watch that form, Kasavan," and later discovering Herman wasn't present. Ah, sweet mystery of life!

Gene Lusby gently sleeping on the shoulder of Stella Bokariza, a total stranger, on the 3:30 bus. Accident, though; must've been up too late. Poor boy!

Last Sunday, February 4, the

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### THERM FOUGHT REVEALS SECRET MARRIAGE

The secret marriage of Therman Fought, former Salinas Junior College student, has been revealed. Therman took for his bride Miss Lillian White of Santa Cruz, in an elopement down south, last August. Mrs. Fought attended the Watsonville and Santa Cruz high schools and for the past semester has been a student of the College of Pacific at Stockton.

Therman, a graduate of Santa Cruz high, began his college days last September when he enrolled in S. J. C. His name will not be unfamiliar to our students for not only was he a very greatly publicized football star but made many lasting friendships during his enrollment.

This troth will be a surprise to their many friends in Salinas and surrounding towns. The couple will reside in Santa Cruz where Therman is employed by the Gilmore Oil Company.

This marriage may recall to the sophomores a similar episode when Everett Chetwood, a grid-iron star of S. J. C. in 1938, married a young lady from Oregon, right after the close of football season.

Maybe a precedent was set by this marital merger, and one of our athletes a year will take the vows during the season of the respective sport in which he participates.

### MANY ACCENTS USED IN OPERETTA

Many different foreign accents are to be found in the light opera "The Firefly", which will be a social highlight of next weekend. Nationalities represented include Cockney English, Italian, French, and German.

Richard Hambey, who has appeared in many former J. C. productions, takes the part of the old German music master on a vacation. Margaret Fernie is seen as vivacious French maid, Suzette. An Italian man-servant named Pietro is played by Bill Adams, and the part of the extremely nervous English butler will be taken by Bob McMennamin.

These various types add greatly to the amusing situation offered in the colorful and highly entertaining presentation of Rudolph Frim's "The Firefly", which may be seen next Friday and Saturday nights.

Gamma Nu sorority held a rush tea at the home of Dorothy McAdams. Many new girls were present, they being tentative members. Dorothy McAdams, Ruthie Nunes, June Rhodes and Betty Tholcke acted as hostesses.

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## WOMAN IN THE HALL

Some like the girls,  
Some like the boys.  
Some like the quiet —  
Some like the noise!

Question of the week: "What appeals to you the most about Salinas Junior College?"

DOROTHY McADAMS: "I like the coffee shop where you can eat, relax, and enjoy a change in atmosphere."

DAVID WILLOUGHBY: "Chem lab is fun, and the people are swell."

FRANCES CROSETTI: "That would be telling!" (Secrets, Frannie?)

HERB JACOBSON: "It's so near to home. Oh, Ma!"

JOAN FOSTER: "Oh, do you mean besides Olen?"

BRAD DREW: "Margie Baumgardner." (Very subtle, this Drew boy.)

LOUISE GRAHAM: "I kind of like the dances they have, when they have them." (Hint?)

ARNOLD MacKENZIE: "Ya got me!"

JANE REED: "I like the prices of the food."

NICK NARDIELLO: "Nice weather you have out here — no snow."

MURIEL SMITH: "Musical activities are fun." (Plug for "The Firefly")

JACK DOLAN: "The fixer-uppers around here are pretty nice."

HUBERT BORBA: "I get a kick out of the wrestling matches, especially the time I won. Ah, happy day!"

NORMA NASON: "The good jokes floating around." (See Norma for the sources.)

BILL FRY: "The convenience to home and high school—gals!"

MALCOLM GILCHRIST: "Red-heads!"

BOYD FRIIS: "The shady trees on the lawns, the lovely swimming pool in the rear, the recreation hall, men's smoking room, and the fraternity and sorority houses. (Dreaming again—that's all I do!)"

BILL WALLACE: "Sitting under those shady trees Boyd mentioned studying anatomy."

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## Sense and Nonsense

By DON KYOTY

Some people have a strong sense of rumor.

Tom: "What makes the milk so blue?"

Jerry: "Being separated from the cream."

### Would You Believe It?

The elephant does not smell through the trunk but through its mouth where the olfactory organ is situated.

In proportion to the size of its body, the ant has a larger brain than any other living creature.

One hundred and twenty millions is the estimated number of fish in each square mile of the ocean.

Tortoises and turtles have no teeth.

"Dull and morose people seldom resist disease as easily as those with a cheerful disposition," says a medical writer. The surly bird catches the germ.

Girls in many Japanese factories, it is stated, commence work at 5 in the morning. The land of the rising daughter.

The oldest newspaper in the world is published in China. It is the Kin Pan of Peking, started a thousand years ago as a month-

ly, but now issued every day. Moses was said to be found in the bulrushes but there are no bulrushes in Egypt. The "bul-rush" of ancient Egypt was really the plant from which papyrus was manufactured.

The weight of one fair-sized whale is equal to that of 80 average elephants.

## SKI TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD SOON

February 17 and 18 are the days set for a ski tournament to be held by the Placer Junior College at Cisco Pass in the Sierras. All junior colleges having a skiing department or club have been invited.

Attending from the Salinas Jaycee Ski Club will be Art Meese, Dick Pennycook, Dave Gibbs, Jay Winn, and Ted Spaulding.

Held at the Auburn Ski Club grounds, various events are to be featured, some of them being downhill jumps, cross country races, Slalom jumps and downhill runs.

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# Panther Sports

## Track Assembly Held; Championship Is Goal

Coach "Bud" Winter opened the track rally assembly held in the Little Theatre Tuesday, summoning track men with a pep talk. He spoke in place of Pat McCarthy, Cal polevaulter, who was scheduled to speak on track and its importance, but he was unable to attend because of illness. Moving pictures of the N. C. A. A. track meet held in 1935 and 1937 at Edward Field, were shown the J. C. men.

It seems that Salinas will be holding quite a spot this track season because they are the 1939 track champions. Santa Rosa seems to be the strongest competitor this year again. Don't think they forgot the terrible beating they got last year when they were supposed to have had a championship outfit and were sent home a very sad track team.

Salinas seems to be strong in every event except the javelin and the weights. If anybody can throw and heave a javelin, see Bud Winter and sign up for track. Bud expects men like Davis to run the century in 9.5, Benny Robinson and Roger Romine to high jump 6 feet 3, Crossetti to break the mile in 4.40, half milers to break 2 minutes. That's all you have to do, men!

The first track meet is three weeks away. It is the inter-class meet, so get busy. Some of the other big track meets are the national J. C. meet, Compton relays, Fresno relays, and the first league meet in less than a month with Menlo, on March 16, there.

It is interesting to know that Salinas placed eight men on the national track honor roll last year including Roger Romine, Rico Crossetti, Benny Robinson, Larry McLean, Burton Stokes and Joe Garcia.

—Come See "The Firefly"—

## TENNIS TEAM IS PROMISING

Tennis balls, rackets, gym suits and 20 aspirant Tildens recently mobbed the junior college tennis court, with Coach Darwin Peavy in the driver's seat as the old master, to receive instructions in the art of hitting the felt-covered apple around the screened enclosure.

A very strong team is assured by Coach Peavy because of the large turnout of fine-looking boys. Some of these boys made good records for themselves while in high school. Among some of the returning veterans are Gerald Hansen, a boy who was on both sides of the court most of the time last year for the local collegians and who will be Salinas' chief threat this year.

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## AVIATION

An important purpose of the aeronautics class, which met on Tuesday during seventh period, was to discuss and review the ground crew classes and to establish a definite flying schedule.

Perhaps the greatest event to take place during the year, aside from solos, will be the participation of certain boys in the Shell competition contests. This contest will feature students from Maine to California. It will consist chiefly of tests and essays written on the subject of aeronautics.

First prize will be \$1000 and a flying trip, destination to be arranged in the future. Second prize \$750. Mr. Richard Werner declared that he would furnish the valise to be used during the trip should a Salinas student win the first prize.

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Mother can remember her first kiss, but daughter can't even remember her first husband.

## J. C. Boxers Look Good In Matches

Trying to get all the experience possible for his boxing squad, Coach Peavy arranged with the Moose Lodge of Salinas for the opportunity of presenting six of his boys in a three-match program. The bouts were held Sunday afternoon in the Moose clubrooms at 4 o'clock, and were well received by the lodge members and their guests.

Starting the program with lots of pep, considering that Sunday is the day after Saturday night, our two featherweight speedsters, Johnny Keahy and Art "Bobber" MacChesny, threw everything they knew at each other, and the fans were treated to just about as good a fight as can be seen anywhere at any price. Dark Johnny Keahy, from the south, and the blonde "Bobber" from the northwest, presented two contrasts, not only in looks, but in boxing styles. Johnny, a left-handed, straight up-and-down counterpuncher type, and Art, a rolling, weaving, two-fisted slugger, flashed through their three rounds with speed to spare.

The next two bouts had the aspect of a family feud between the fighting Alvitre brothers and the battling Mapa brothers combination. The second bout, showing Al "Kid" Alvitre and Al Mapa, both middleweights, waltzing and two-stepping through three rounds of fancy slap-work, each praying that the other would not hit so hard, made boxing seem a divine pastime.

Topping off the program were "Chuck" Alvitre and Mickey "The Head" Mapa, two welterweights, who were both lucky to remain on their feet after three torrid rounds of slug-fest. Pulling punches at the right time was what saved both from an ignominious knockdown. This fight was fast and packed with action from start to finish, and the crowd roared its approval.

All the bouts were no-decision affairs of an exhibition nature. As a sidelight, prior to the fights, Darwin Peavy demonstrated science as a master pool player to his boxers in the sanctity of the Moose clubroom. Then, with two members of the tumbling team, he gave an interesting exhibition of gymnastic stunts.

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## INTRAMURALS

With the new semester starting at Salinas Junior College, the intramural basketball games will begin in a week or two. Many basketball unknowns will be uncovered during the tournament. Those teams that have signed up and their managers are as follows: King City Bus No. 6, Manager Bill Moraschi; Morgan Hill Bus No. 3, Manager Harold Oberg; Salinas Lettuce Pickers, Manager W. Branson; Gilroy Prunepickers, Manager Jerry Mullen; Japanese Students' Club, Manager Toru Asada; Santa Cruz Bus No. 7, Manager R. Romine; Watsonville Apple Giants, Manager Bowden Bryan; and Oe Ke Dog Consumers, Manager Bello.

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Girl: "What's the difference between dancing and marching?"  
Boy: "I don't know."  
Girl: "I thought so. Let's sit down."

## Sports Pickups

Big game tonight, chillun! Yes, sir, the old "lounge lizards" (synonym for society boys) from Menlo are invading the Panthers' stronghold hoping to "beard the Panther" in its own den and are just aching to avenge that defeat plastered on them by Salinas earlier in the season. They have the same bunch of boys that showed so impressively in the Invitational Tournament and are still being lead by all-conference forward, Tommy Lathos, incidentally a Montereyan, and big six-foot four-inch center, Jim Needham. Menlo is resting in a three-way tie for second place along with Marin and Santa Rosa, having three victories and one defeat, while our own Panthers have their record reversed.

Just for a change, how about showing up for the game?

### Sparkplug?

Having witnessed practically all of the home games that the Panthers have played in, I have formed the conclusion that the sparkplug of the maroon and gold clad basketballers is none other than little Marlin Dimick, five-foot six-inch guard from Oregon City, Oregon. For speed, watch Dimick; for dribbling ability, watch Dimick; and for the spark, watch Dimick. (That's going to deflate his wallet.)

### Horsehiders Turn Out En Masse

Coach Ed Adams was greeted with a fine turnout when he issued the call for baseball aspirants. Potential material is studied with quite a few of the big names in high school baseball last year. Among the many CCAL stars one can find Ruven Campos, who averaged a home-run a game in '39, and who was one of the outstanding chuckers in the league. Salinas is the boy's hometown so he should be right at home. Another outstanding fellow who signed up, is Bill Leonard, who played on the Santa Cruz high school championship team. Returning veterans will be many among whom the names Toru Asada, Jim Hart, Jack Raine and Nick Nardiello, are prominent. Nine league games are scheduled.

Basketball fans have often wondered what has happened to former players Warren Gipe and Buster Fulle. Coach Adams has been continuously plying with questions. So, we'll try to clear you up. Gipe and Fulle cooled their heels a little more than they thought was possible on the Panther bench and as a result failed to dress for a league game. On being asked the why and wherefore, they had decided to hold their eligibility. Result: the question, "Where's Gipe and Fulle?" Incidentally, they had played in the San Jose State frosh game, thus forfeiting their eligibility.

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## Locals Beat San Mateo; Lose to SFJC

Salinas scored its first conference win in two years by tripping the San Mateo basketball team here January 27 in the local gym. The score was 46-34.

The "fighting" visitors after falling behind by 18 points in the first half, came back strong in the early second half to tie up the game, but Salinas, always a fast finisher, put on the pressure and pulled away to gain a 12-point advantage at the end.

San Mateo's Wirth led the scorers by making 12 points. Janvier was good for ten markers.

For Salinas the scorers were Hansen with nine points, Erickson and Lasich with eight each, and Dimick with seven.

The local Panthers' bid for their second league victory in two days proved unsuccessful here January 28 against the San Francisco Rams, but it took the visitors two overtime periods to come out victorious. The proceeds were given to the President's Infantile Paralysis fund.

Once again the Panthers got off to a bad start and trailed by nine points mid-way in the first half, but Erickson's sharp-shooting enabled the locals to pull up and gain a two-point advantage at the half.

Play in the final half was close throughout with the visitors holding a three-point advantage with but two minutes to go. Tainer's goal and Erickson's free throw tied the game less than a minute before the gun. The score was 38-31.

First overtime period saw the locals match the visitors with three points. In the second overtime period, Tainer hooked in a goal but the Rams' Genesy posted two goals to give his team the game. The final score was 45-43.

Play was rough throughout with Hansen, Lee, and Lasich withdrawing from the game because of fouls.

Floyd Erickson led the Panther pointmen with 13, while Tainer and Lasich had eight points each. Genesy, of the Rams, starred with 15 markers; McCarthy totaled 11.

Marlin Dimick was the outstanding floorman on the court.

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## BASEBALL

Coach Ed Adams stated that the baseball players will be out on the diamond brushing up for a championship this season as soon as the weather permits them to practice outside. Meanwhile the players are practicing in the gym.

On the sign-up list this semester, Coach Adams has such experienced players as Jim Hart and Jack Raine. Both have proved themselves as worthy pitchers last year. Behind the batter we have Toru Asada, another product of last year's team. In the infield and outfield we have back with us again from last year's team such players as Don Paul, Oly Vansandt, Nick Nardiello, Bill Cavalli, Casey Kawamoto, and Floyd Wilke.

—Come See "The Firefly"—

Judge: "Listen to me, young man. I can give you 20 years."  
Young Man: "Now, now, judge—don't talk shop."

The high class (?) "Society Boys" from Menlo Park, invade our junior college gymnasium tonight in an attempt to out-dribble, out-shoot, and out-score the local maroon and gold clad lads who already have a victory chalked up over the visitors this season.

The Menlo J. C. five, class of the conference last season and at present resting easily in a three-way tie for second place with Marin and Santa Rosa, bring to our gym a group of players well-versed in the art of basketball. Leading this flashy team is a lad known in local basketball circles from his high school days at Monterey. Tommy Lathos is the name, and he was named all-conference forward last year while playing for the Menloites. Aiding him and a vital cog in this well-oiled machine, is tall, fix-foot four-inch Jim Needham, who can be remembered for his outstanding football ability.

### Salinas Hungry

After suffering two conference defeats last weekend to Marin and Santa Rosa Junior Colleges, the Panthers are in no mood to be trifled with and are hungry for victory, making them more bloodthirsty than ever, so Menlo, watch out!

Salinas players, boasting of a victory over this same bunch of hardwood floor artists earlier this season in the Invitational Tournament, are well-prepared to repeat their trick and in all probability will do it.

The starting lineup for Salinas, subject to change, will probably be Hansen and Erickson, forwards; Roth, center; Dowden and Dimick, guards.

Opening the night's festivities will be a preliminary game between the two Jayvee teams starting at 7 o'clock.

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## PANTHERS LOSE PAIR OF GAMES

Two conference games in the north last weekend proved disastrous to the Salinas Panthers' basketball team. Playing the strong undefeated Marin outfit at Kentfield, the locals were drubbed 27-19. On Saturday at Santa Rosa the Panthers bowed to the Bear Cubs 44-37.

In a conservative but rough game the Mariners took an early lead and held it throughout. The big guns of the locals were silenced. Lee, Hansen, and Erickson were held to a total of 12 points, four each. For Marin, Borich and Mariani gathered eight and seven points respectively.

Leading 20-13 at halftime, Santa Rosa's Bear Cubs won out, 44-37, last Saturday evening. Erickson and Hansen led the locals with twelve and ten points respectively. Mulgrew accounted for 13 enemy points while Matulich made ten.

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## Backwards Dance Dates . . .

Ellen Lowell - Burr Scott.  
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